

"A LONG TIME AGO - 56 MILLION YEARS TO BE PRECISE - SOMETHING HAPPENED."

"THE FIRST FREE-THINKING MECHANICALS SPRANG SUDDENLY AND UNEXPECTEDLY FROM THE SIZZLING GEOSTRATA OF A METALLIC PLANET."

"SPONTANEOUS EVOLUTION: THEY SAY IT JUST HAPPENED."

"AND I WOULD LIKE TO THINK THAT YES, THIS WAS ONLY A MATTER OF CHANCE."



"AS REPORTED IN THE PORTLAND ORACLE, SEPTEMBER 20TH, 1984."

"BUT WHAT THE ORACLE FAILS TO MENTION, WHAT IT CANNOT POSSIBLY KNOW, IS THAT THE EXPLOSION REACTIVATED THE ON BOARD COMPUTER

OF AN ALIEN SPACECRAFT THAT HAD BEEN WEDGED AT THE VOLCANO'S BASE FOR FOUR MILLION YEARS."

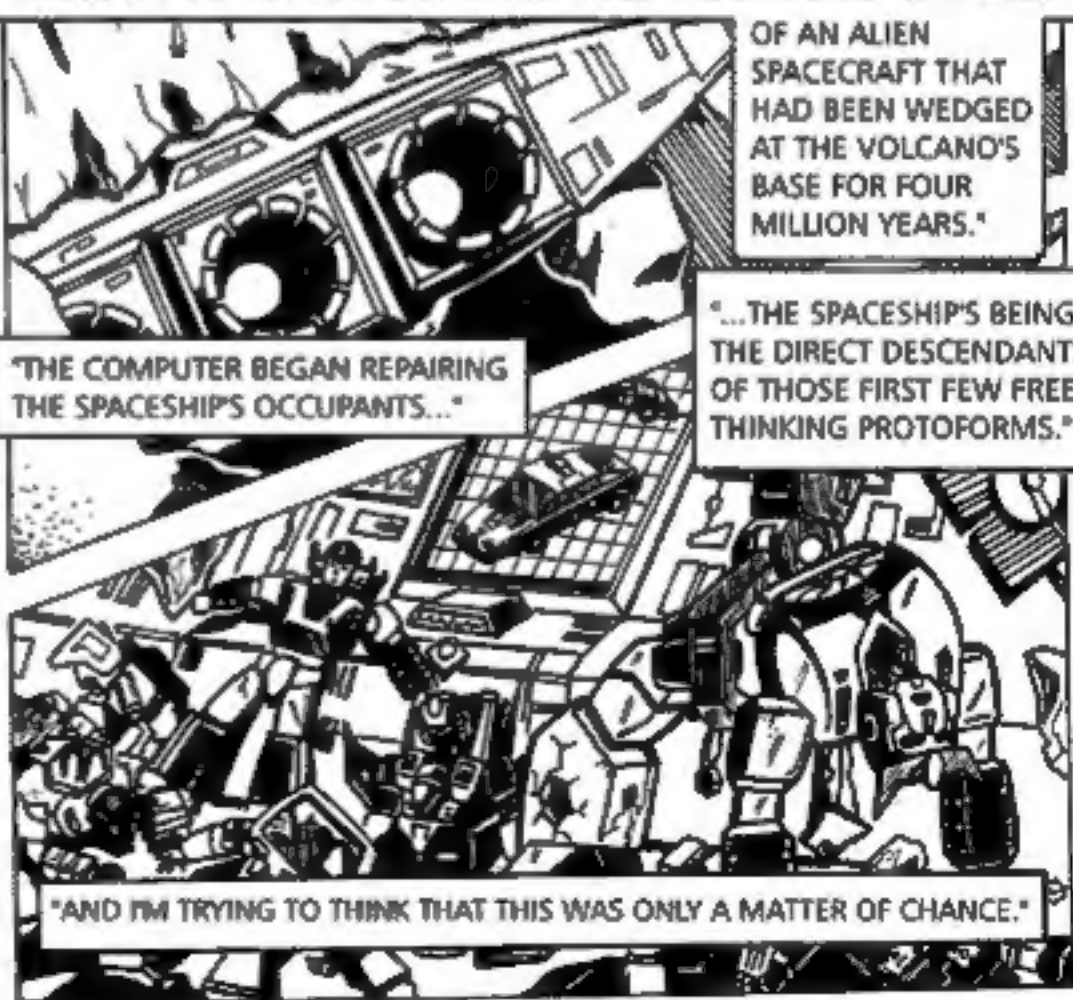
"THE COMPUTER BEGAN REPAIRING THE SPACESHIP'S OCCUPANTS..."

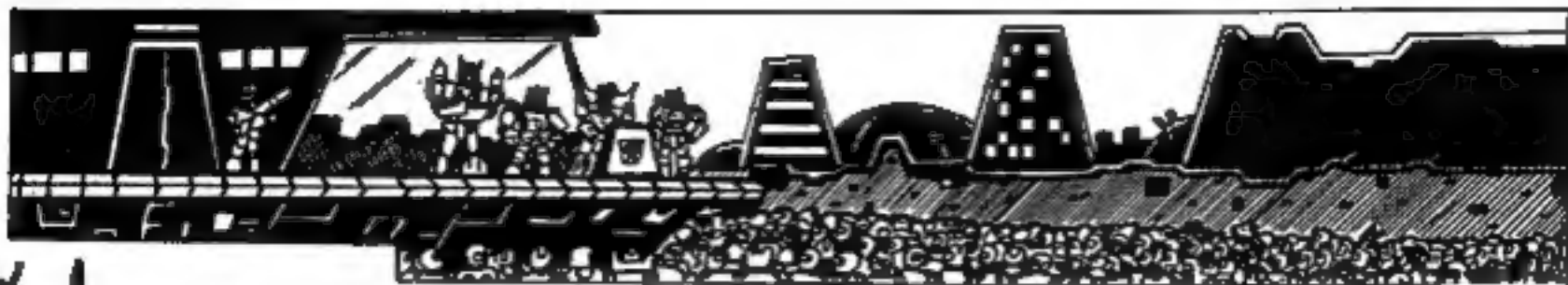
"...THE SPACESHIP'S BEING THE DIRECT DESCENDANTS OF THOSE FIRST FEW FREE-THINKING PROTOFORMS."

"THERE IS A STORY OF A LONG-DORMANT VOLCANO SUDDENLY AND UNEXPECTEDLY SHEDDING ITS LOAD."

"SPONTANEOUS ERUPTION: THEY SAY IT JUST HAPPENED."

"AND I'M TRYING TO THINK THAT THIS WAS ONLY A MATTER OF CHANCE."





"MINISTRY RECORDS DESCRIBE AN INCIDENT THAT OCCURED IN IACON, 2302, AT THE OPEN-AIR SIGNING OF THE ANTIMORPHISM TREATY"



"AN AUDIENCE OF MILLIONS WITNESSES THE SUDDEN AND UNEXPECTED ARRIVAL OF AN ENTIRE CITY-STREET, COMPLETE WITH TERRIFIED PEDESTRIANS."



"SPONTANEOUS MATERIALISATION: THEY SAY IT JUST HAPPENED."



"AND IT IS THE HUMBLE OPINION OF THIS NARRATOR THAT THIS IS NOT JUST 'SOMETHING THAT JUST HAPPENED'; THIS CANNOT BE 'ONE OF THOSE THINGS';"



"THIS, PLEASE, CANNOT BE THAT..."

LIARS, A TO D

TRANSMASTERS UK PRESENTS STAR SABER IN
"LIARS, A TO D" SCRIPT JAMES ROBERTS
ARTWORK MATT DALLAS LETTERS GRAHAM THOMSON

"PARTLY OVERCAST WITH A SLIGHT CHANCE OF RAD ZONE FALLOUT,
FORCE 10 GRIT-WINDS, 67% CHANCE OF GRAVITY WELLS ACROSS THE ORBITAL RIM."

WITH AUTOBASE DESTROYED AND THE SO-CALLED
RESISTANCE IN ITS DEATH THROES, THERE HAS NEVER BEEN A
BETTER TIME TO JOIN THE DECEPTICON ARMY!

EVER SINCE THE SPECTACULAR COUP D'ETAT IN 9TH CYCLE 549, THE
DECEPTICON JUNTA HAS BEEN RECRUITING THOUSANDS OF CIVILIANS,
FROM BUDDING ANARCHISTS TO EX-THEOSCIENTISTS, FIRST CHURCHERS...

...TO NEWLY-SCULPTED PROTOFORMS. HOW ELSE COULD WE HAVE
MAINTAINED CONTROL OF CYBERTRON FOR SO LONG? IF YOU'RE
LOOKING FOR PIECE OF MIND, OR A CHANCE TO INDULGE YOUR BLOOD
LUST, OR JUST GUARANTEE THAT YOU WON'T BE ONE OF THE...

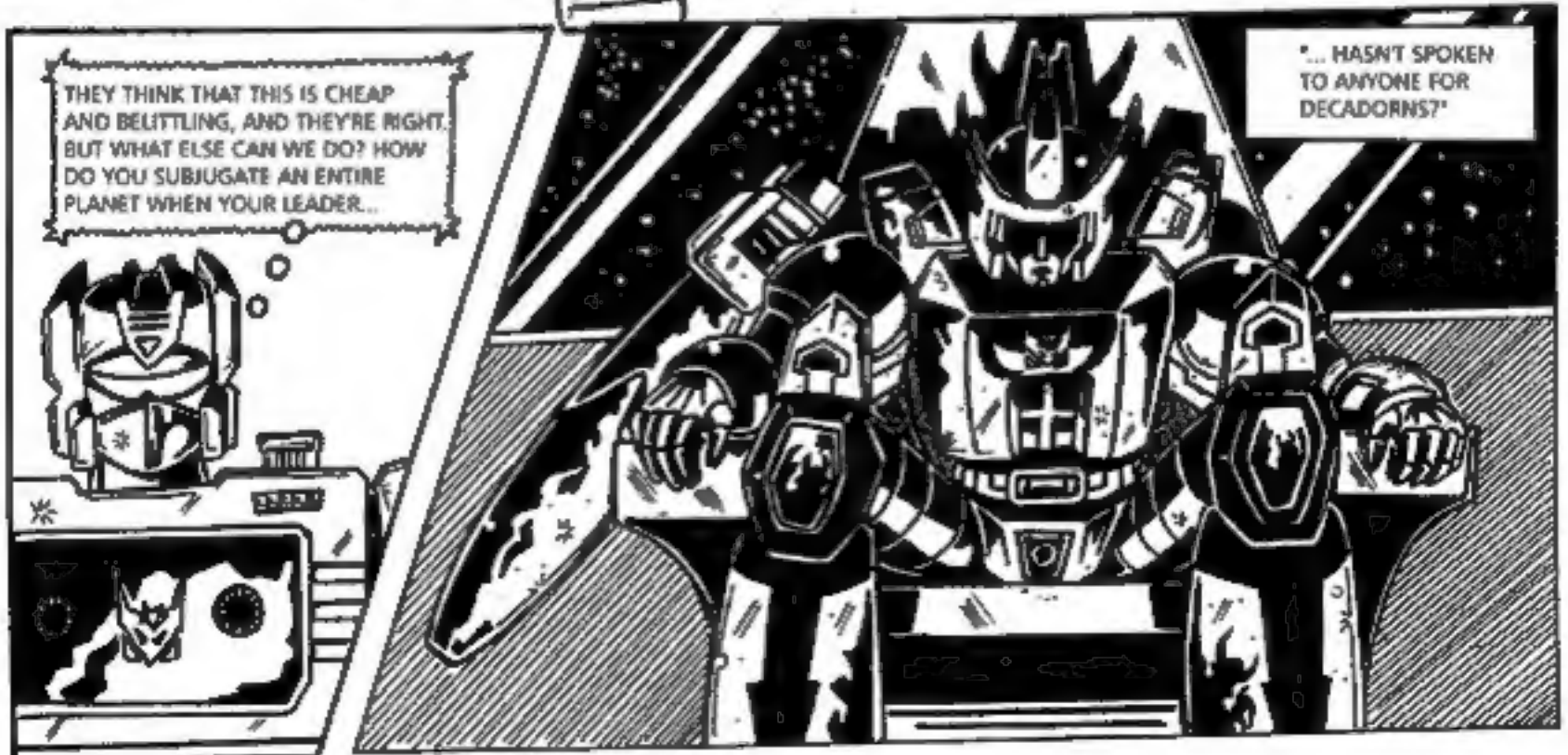
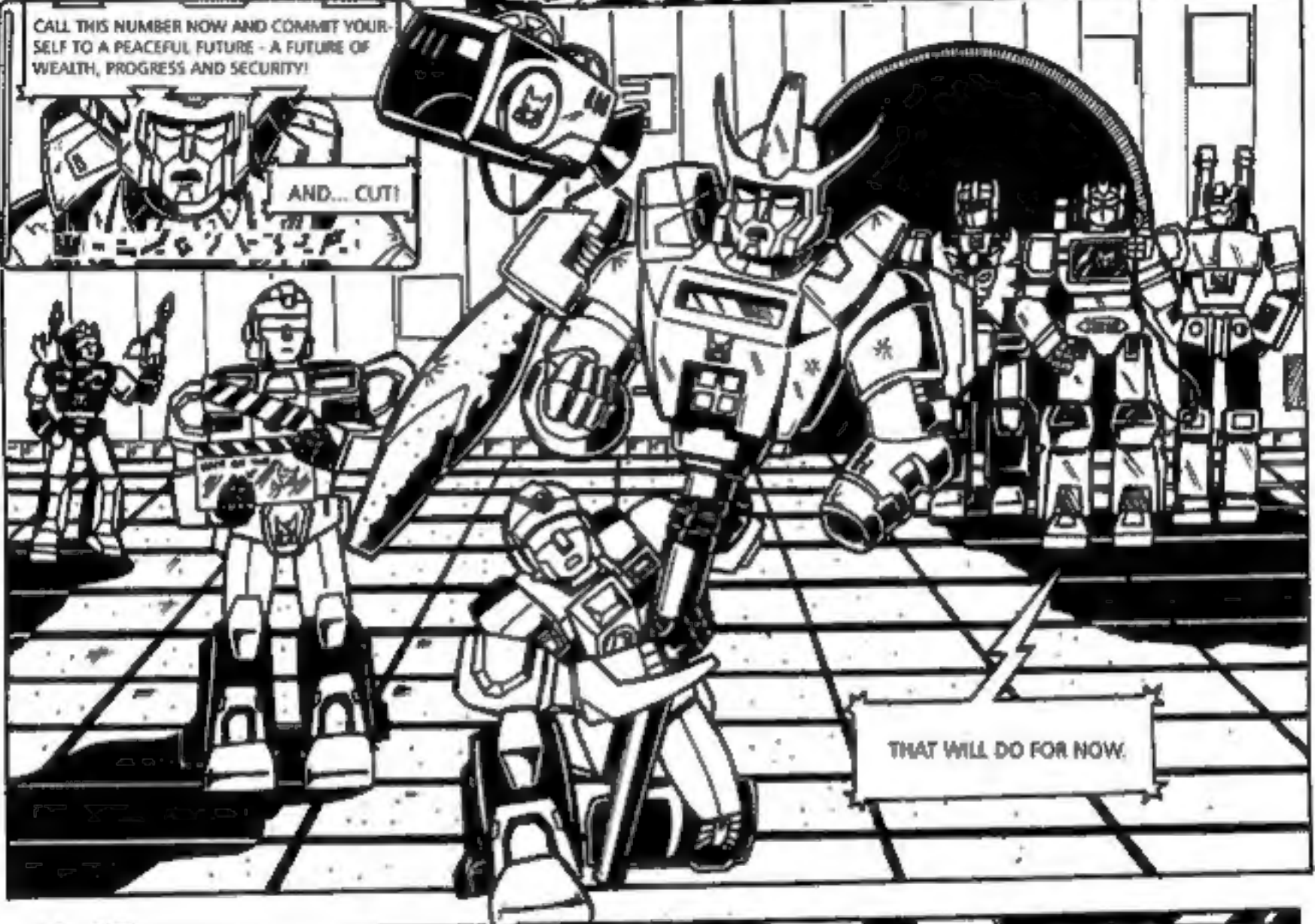
THOUSANDS KILLED IN THE IMMINENT CULLING OF EVERY CIVILIAN
SETTLEMENT, NOW'S THE TIME TO JOIN UP. WHO RETURNED CYBERTRON
TO ITS ORIGINAL ORBIT IN 2000? THE DECEPTICONS! WHO IS COMMITTED
TO REJUVENATING THIS WORLD? THE DECEPTICONS!

DEEP INSIDE THE NEW AUTOBASE

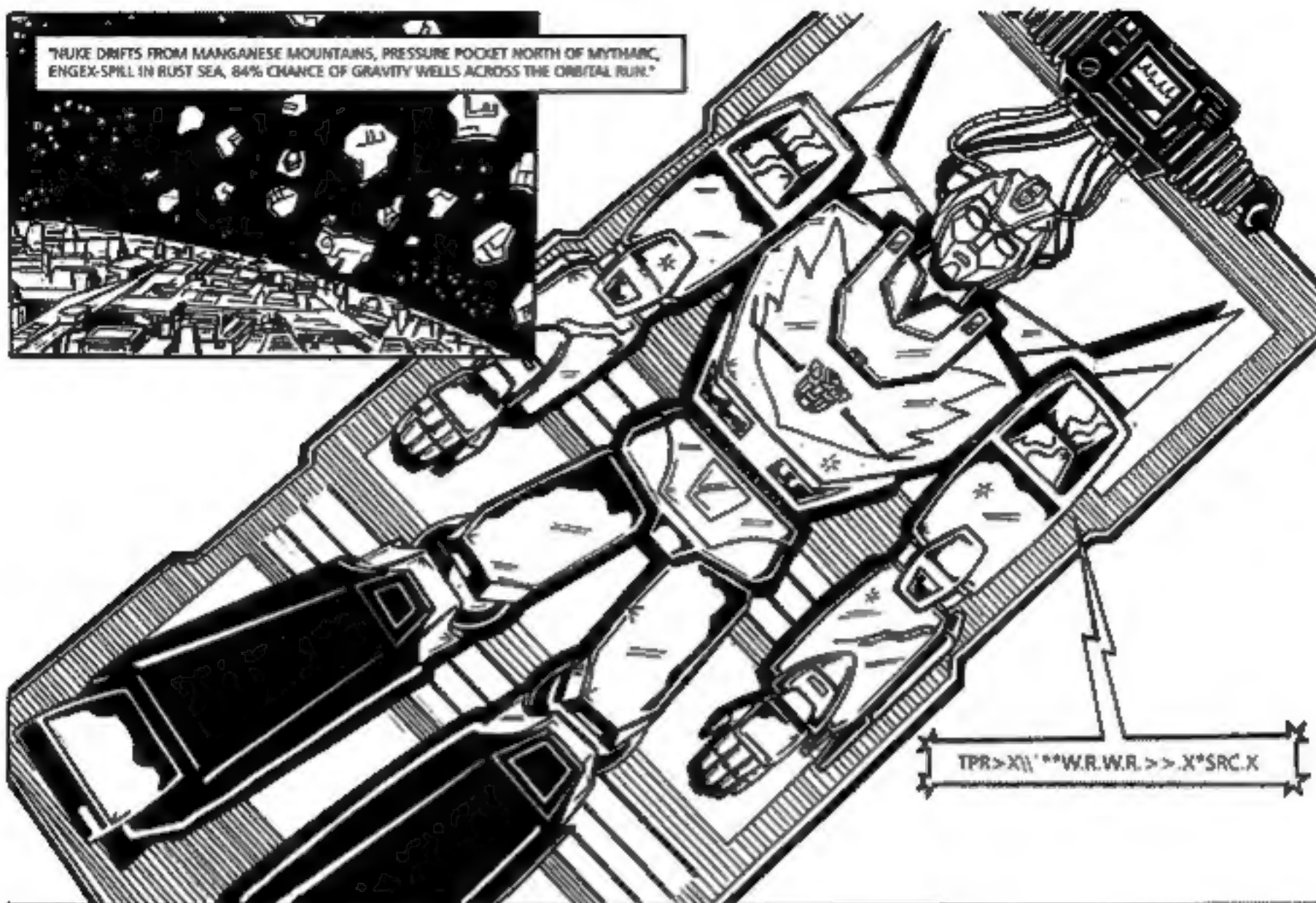
PLEDGE YOUR ALLEGIANCE TO THE DECEPTICON
CAUSE AND HELP CRUSH THE AUTOBOTS AND
THEIR OUT-DATED, SELF-DEFEATING CODE OF ETHICS

IT'S A BLANKET BROADCAST
THIS MORNING THE
SOUTHERN TERRITORIES.
THERE'S A CONTACT NUMBER.
YOU WANT ME TO CALL?

CERTAINLY NOT. YOU
MIGHT AS WELL GO
OUTSIDE AND WAVE A
BEEH FLAG.



"LUKE DRIFTS FROM MANGANESE MOUNTAINS, PRESSURE POCKET NORTH OF MYTHARC, ENGEX-SPILL IN RUST SEA, 84% CHANCE OF GRAVITY WELLS ACROSS THE ORBITAL RUN."

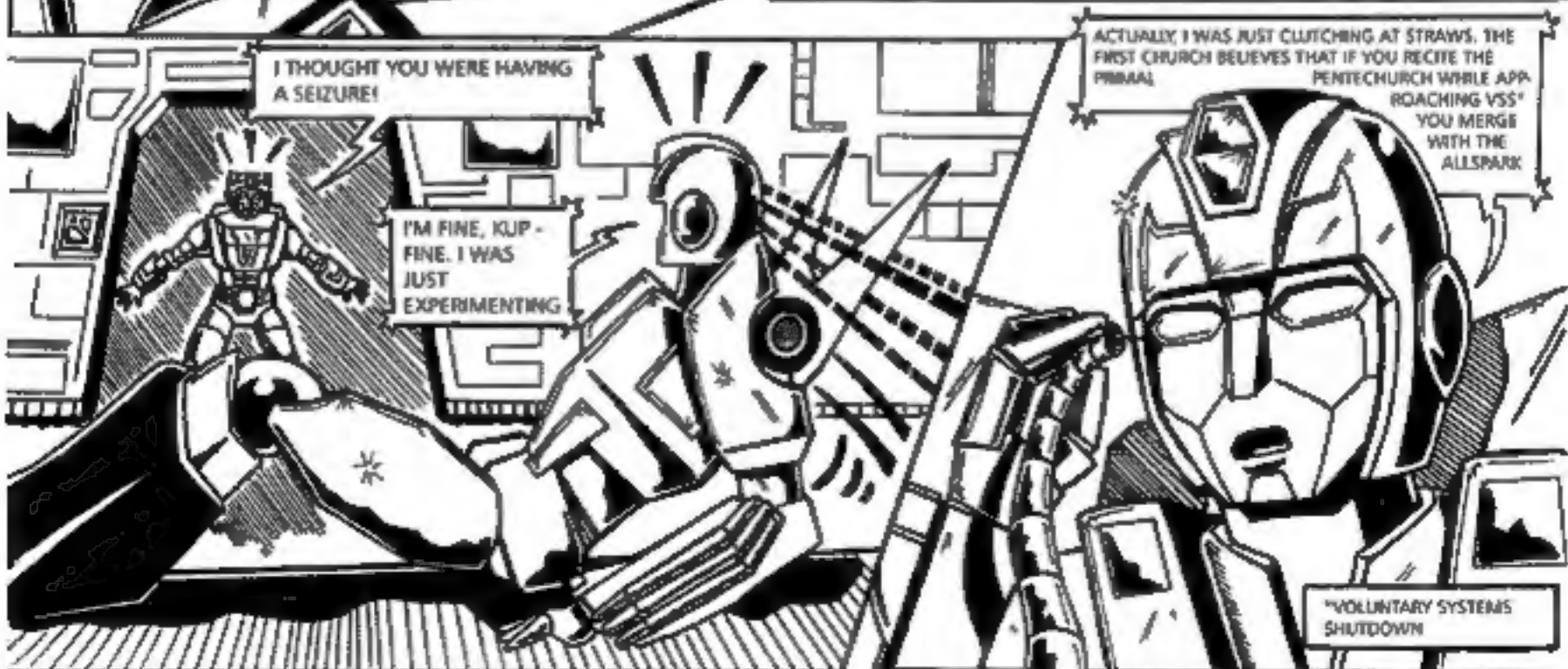


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PRIME!



I THOUGHT YOU WERE HAVING
A SEIZURE!

I'M FINE, KUP -
FINE. I WAS
JUST
EXPERIMENTING

ACTUALLY, I WAS JUST CLUTCHING AT STRAWS. THE
FIRST CHURCH BELIEVES THAT IF YOU RECITE THE
PRIMAAL
PENTECHURCH WHILE APP-
ROACHING VSS*
YOU MERGE
WITH THE
ALLSPARK

"VOLUNTARY SYSTEMS
SHUTDOWN

AND YOU THINK THAT
WOULD SOMEHOW
BANISH UNICR--

KUP! REMEMBER THE RULES!
NEVER USE HIS NAME!

LOOK, I'M SORRY... I'M JUST
FRUSTRATED. MY EXORCISM

RESEARCH IS GO-
ING NOWHERE.
I'VE READ ALL THE
CREATIONST LIT-
ERATURE - RIGHT
BACK TO THE
KEEPER'S
JOURNALS -

AND IT'S TOLD
ME NOTHING
NEW

SORRY TO HEAR THAT, I WANTED TO LET YOU KNOW THAT PERCEPTOR'S
ARRANGED NIGHTBEAT'S TRANSFERRAL FROM DELPHI. HE SHOULD BE HERE
IN A FEW BREEMS. OH, AND COSMOS HAS DETECTED GEO-FRAGMENTS
CLUSTERED AROUND ORBITAL CO-ORDINATES 250/801 - HE THINKS THEY'RE
THE REMAINS OF MOONBASE 2. THEY'VE BEEN HANGING THERE SINCE 2006.

I THOUGHT COSMOS WAS SUPPOSE TO
BE WITH MIRAGE AND THE OTHERS.

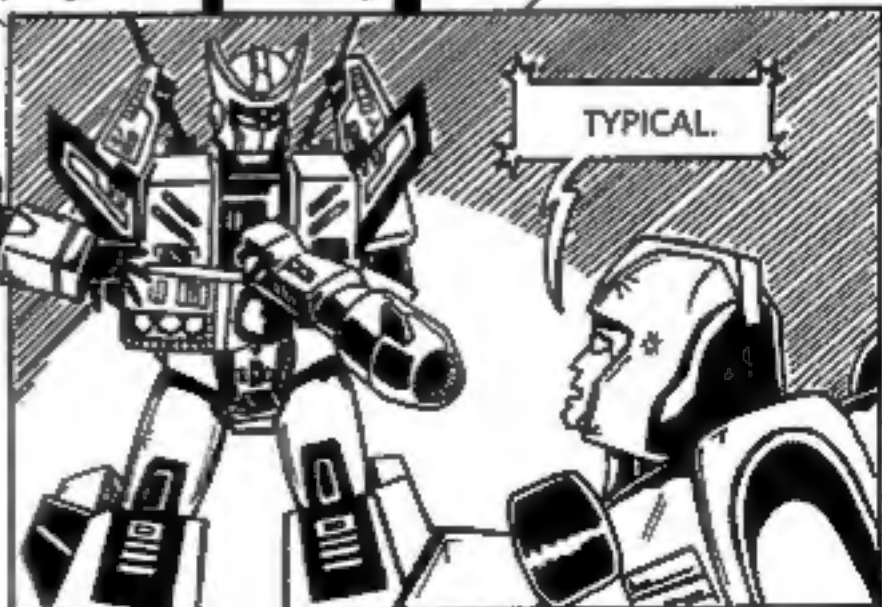
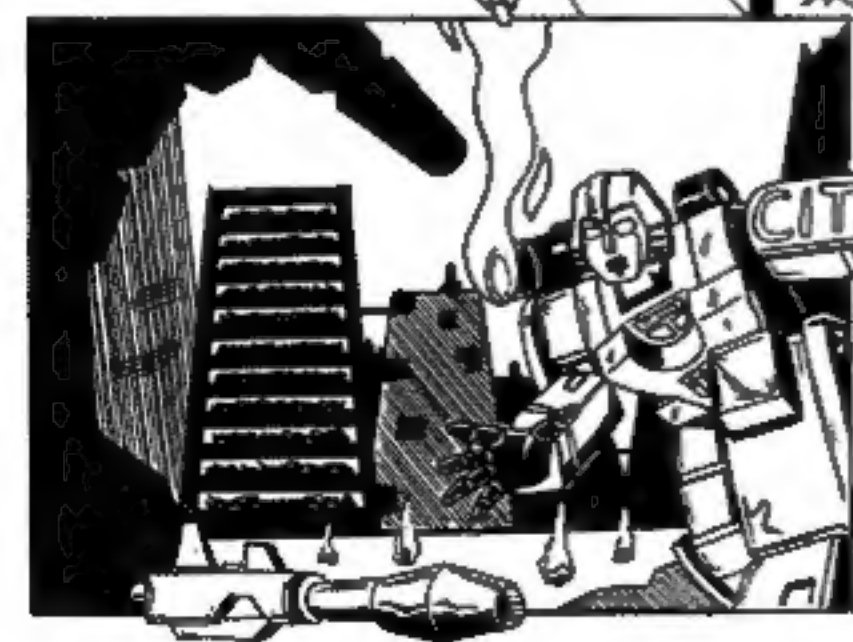
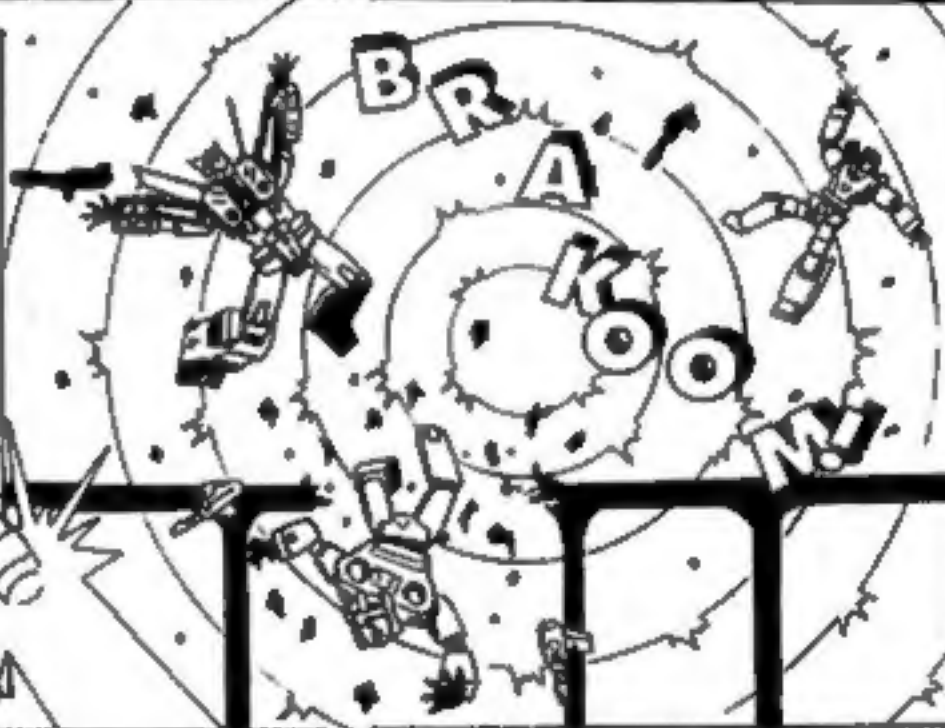
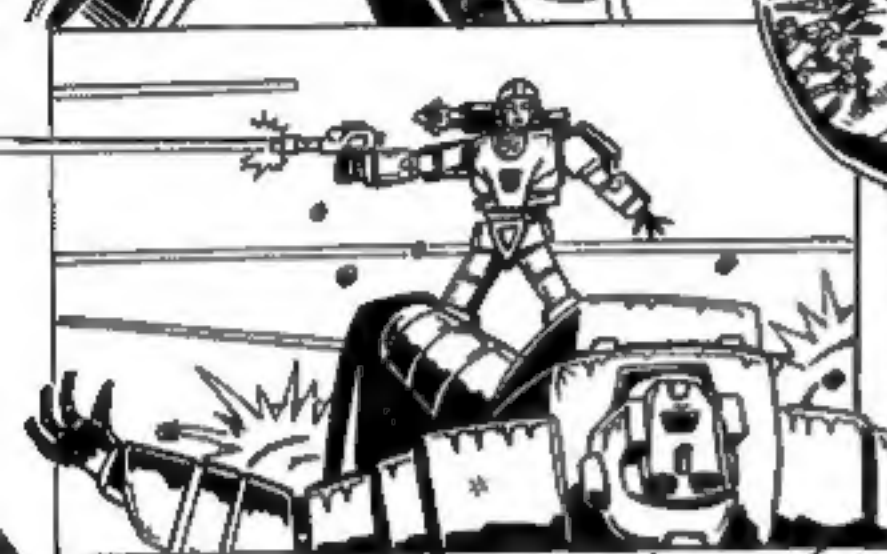
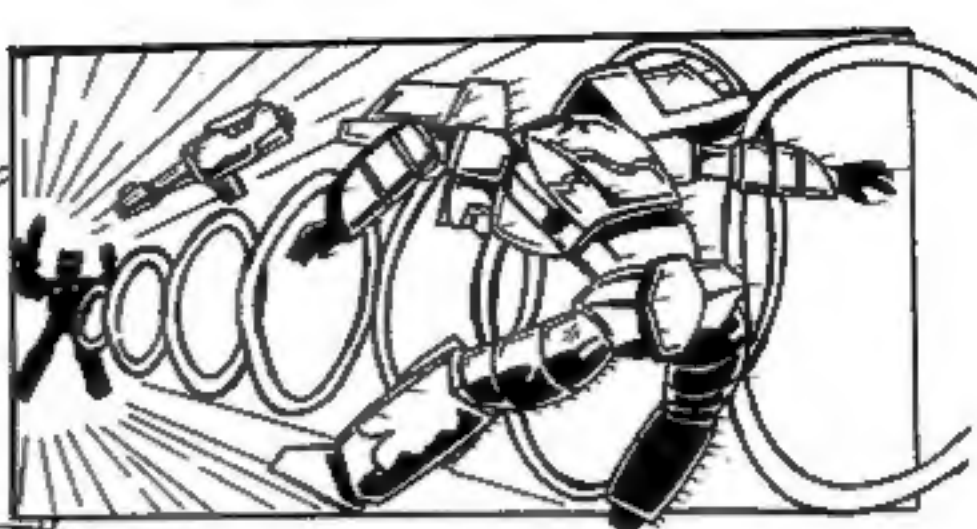
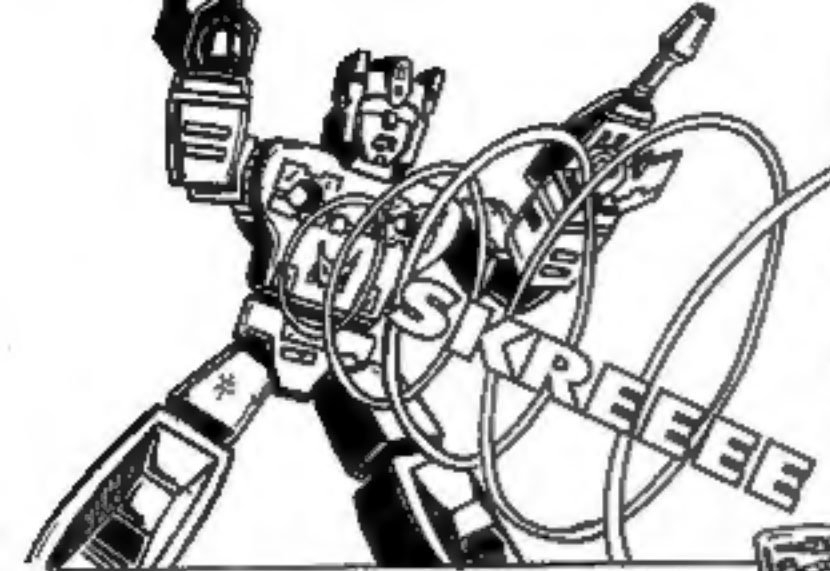
THE HELEX TRIP?
NO - THUNDERCLASH
DOWNSIZED THE TEAM.

HE SAID THAT A SURVEILLANCE MISSION DIDN'T NEED FOUR PEOPLE.

WELL?

WELL WHAT? LET'S GET
THIS OVER WITH.

BLAM!



"TECTONIC SLUMP IN TERBIUM PLAINS, RESIDUAL ENERGON FLARE IN LONIUM, SCALE 2 QUAKE IN THE SONIC CANYONS, 98% CHANCE OF GRAVITY WELLS ACROSS THE ORBITAL RIM."



THEY'RE STILL ON OUR TAIL!

THANK YOU FOR
POINTING THAT
OUT, FASTLANE!

I DON'T BELIEVE THIS - FIRST TIME
OUT THE CANYONS FOR FOUR
YEARS AND WE RUN INTO THESE
TWO. PERCEPTOR BETTER
HAVE A GOOD REASON
DRAG-
GING ME

HALWAY ACROSS
CYBERTRON.

NICE ONE, FLYBOY! NOW THEY KNOW WE'RE AFTER THEM! WE COULDN'T
TRACKED THEM RIGHT TO THEIR FRONT DOOR IF YOU HADN'T OPENED FIRE!

RIGHT NOW, I'VE GOT MORE
IMPORTANT THINGS ON MY MIND!

CLOUDRAKER!
WE'VE BEEN --

DON'T EVEN SAY IT,
FASTLANE!

I KNOW THIS ISN'T THE TIME
BUT I'M PICKING UP A LOT
OF AIRBORNE ACTIVITY.

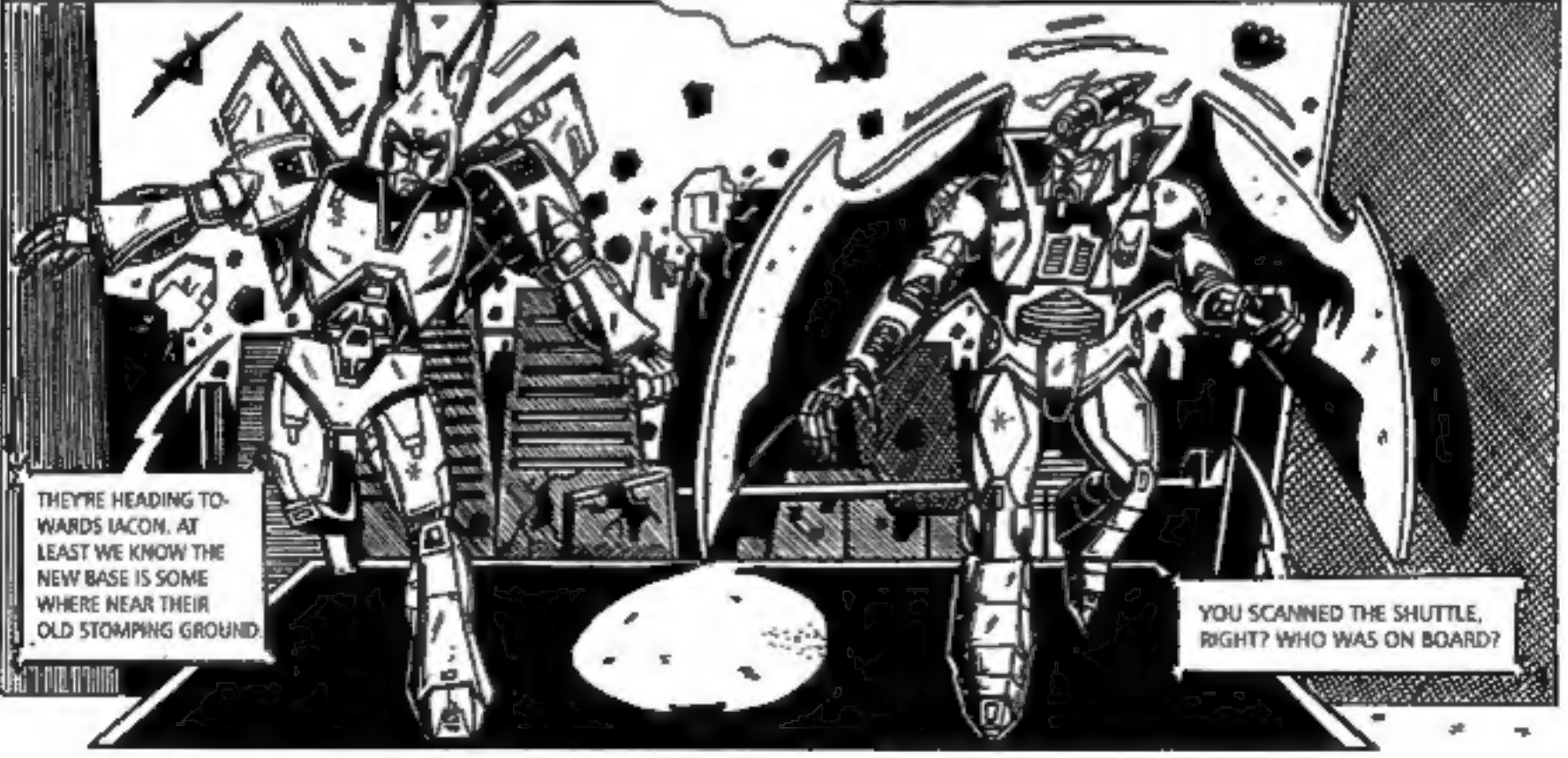
HUNDREDS OF BLIPS -
NO, THOUSANDS. ALL
HEADING THIS WAY.



"RISK OF HEAVY SHOWERS."

WHAT THE HELL IS
HAPPENING? IT'S
RAINING METAL!

BACK OFF! IT'S
TOO DANGEROUS.



THEY'RE HEADING TO-
WARDS IACOM. AT
LEAST WE KNOW THE
NEW BASE IS SOME
WHERE NEAR THEIR
OLD STOMPING GROUND.

YOU SCANNED THE SHUTTLE,
RIGHT? WHO WAS ON BOARD?

NIGHTBEAT, FASTLANE
AND CLOUDRAKER. WHY?

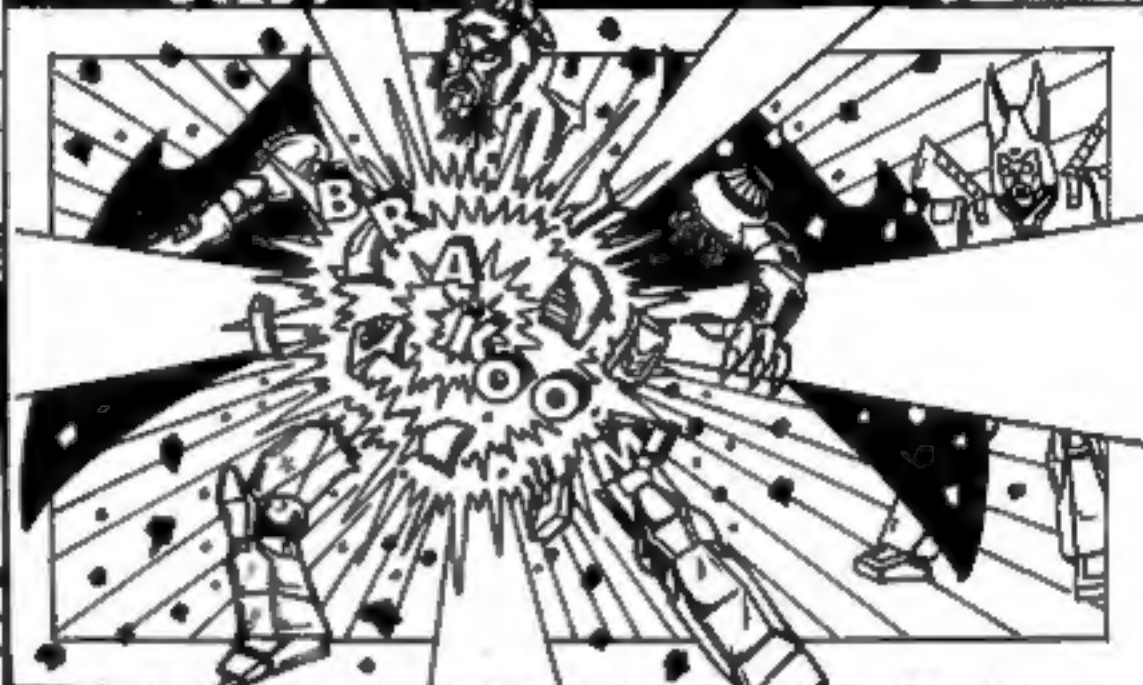


OH, JUST CURIOUS.
NO REASON.

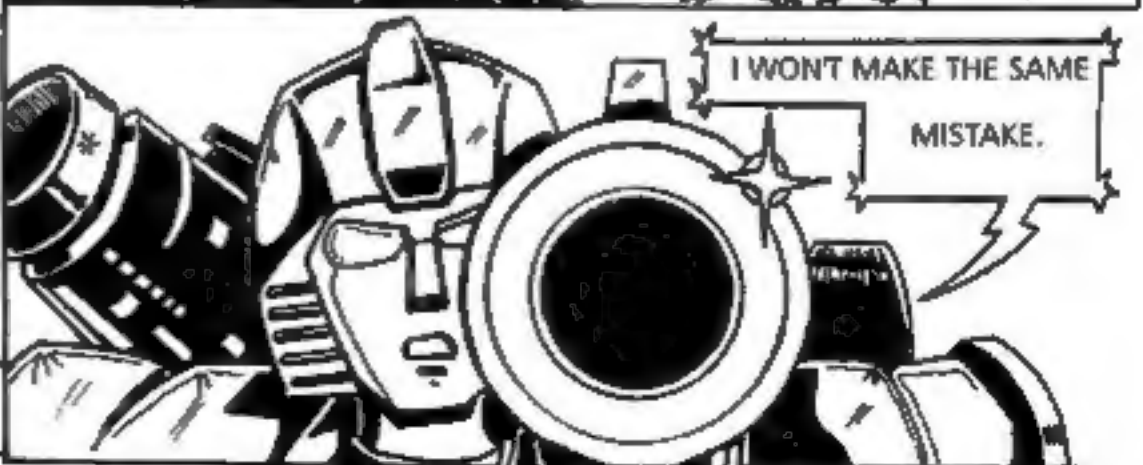
IT'S STARTING, JUST AS I
KNEW IT WOULD.



OH WELL.
HERE GOES.
DRASTIC TIMES
AND ALL THAT...



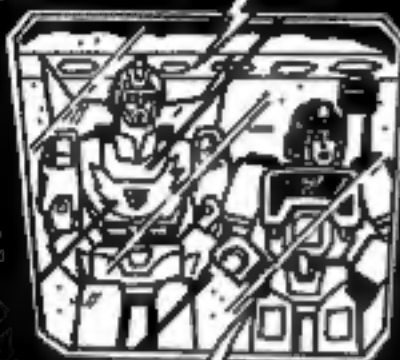
YOU SHOULDN'T
HAVE HESITATED,
SIX-SHOT.



I WON'T MAKE THE SAME
MISTAKE.

DECEMBER 22ND, 2012

AND YOU SAY THIS PARTICULAR PIECE IS FROM THE VERY CORE OF MOONBASE 27?



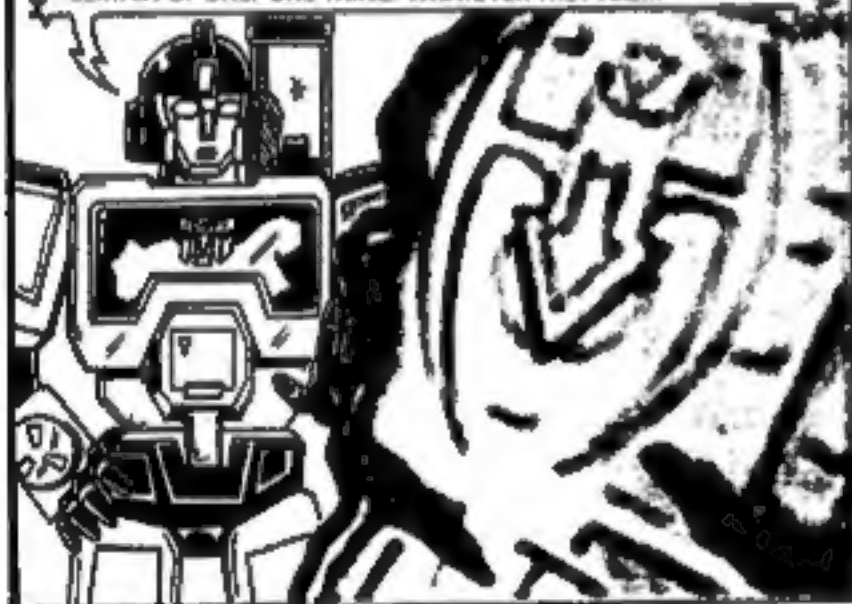
YES. IT'S ABOUT 56 MILLION YEARS OLD. A GENUINE PIECE OF PRIMON ERA CYBERTRON! THE CHANCES OF IT SURVIVING PLANETFALL AND LANDING ON OUR DOORSTEP ARE ASTRONOMICAL.



VERY EXCITING, PERCEPTOR, BUT I GET THE FEELING THERE'S SOMETHING YOU'RE NOT TELLING ME.



I EXPECTED THE MARKINGS ON THE FRAGMENT TO RESEMBLE THOSE WE FOUND AFTER THE ARCHAEOLOGICAL DIG IN TENE, BUT THEY DON'T. I'VE CROSS-CHECKED THEM AGAINST EVERY VOCAB-CODE AND DIALECT FROM THE GOLDEN AGE ONWARDS, AND I'M CERTAIN OF ONLY ONE THING. WHATEVER THEY ARE...



... THEY'RE NOT CYBERTRONIAN.



I SUGGEST YOU THINK CAREFULLY ABOUT WHAT YOU'VE FOUND BEFORE MAKING YOUR REPORT TO THE REST OF HIGH COMMAND.

WHAT SHALL I DO WITH THE FRAGMENT? I NEED TO STUDY FURTHER.

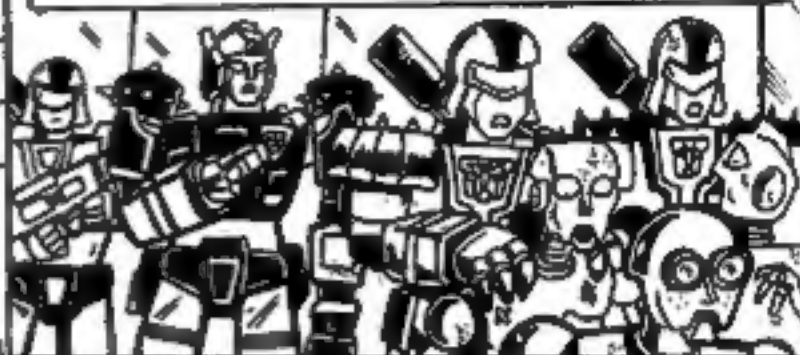


SEAL IT INSIDE THE SCH-LAB IN EOCRA, WITH ALL THE OTHER EVIDENCE, AFTER ALL...

"... IT'S NOT GOING ANYWHERE."



"SS/LONG/PERSONAL LOG ENTRY: I THOUGHT FOR A MOMENT THAT THE TREATY WOULD BE DERAILED, PUTTING ALL OUR GROUNDWORK TO WASTE. THANKFULLY, HOWEVER, THE DISTURBANCE WAS CONTAINED. SIDESWIPE'S MEN LED THE NEW ARRIVALS - ALL OF WHOM WERE UNDERSTANDABLY TRAUMATISED - TO A PLACE OF SAFETY..."



"...WHERE THEY WERE INTERVIEWED BY OUR BEST COUNSELLORS."

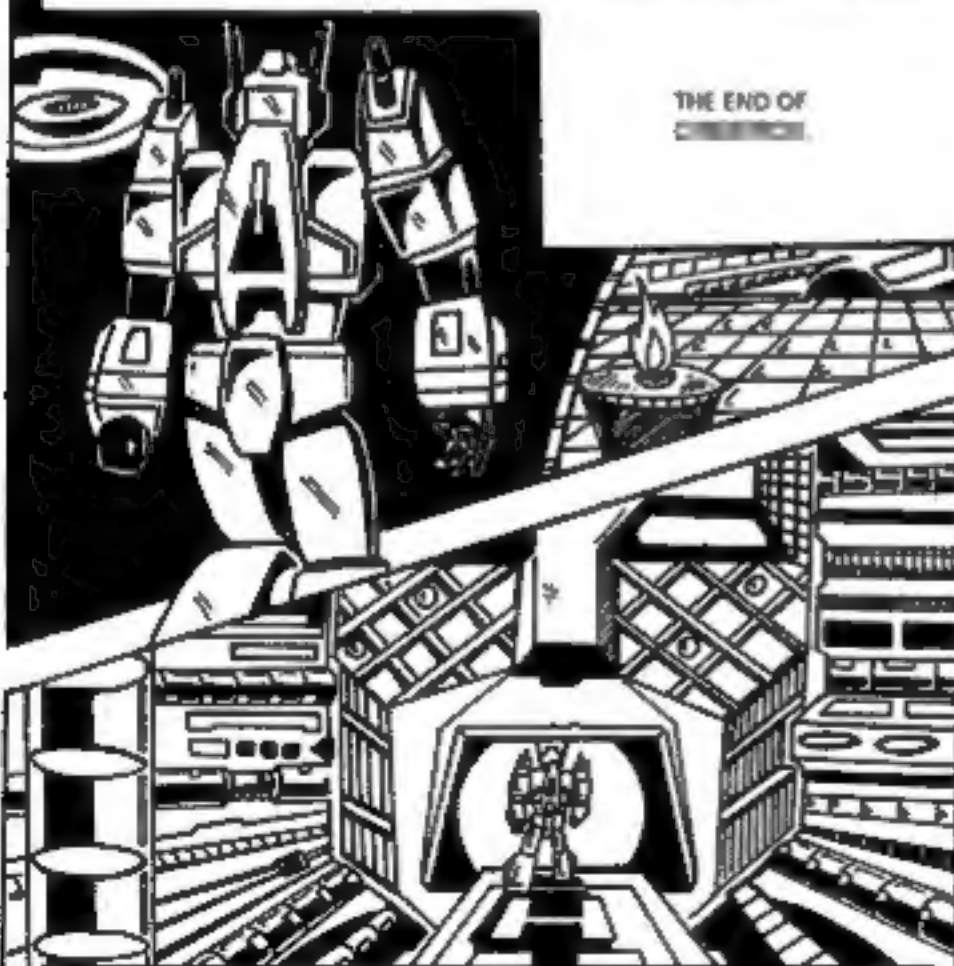


"ALL 13 OF THEM WERE CLEARLY DELUSIONAL. THEY CLAIMED TO BE NEUTRALISTS FROM THE YEAR 2013. THE STREET THAT BROUGHT THEM HERE FORMED PART OF THE SCI-LAB IN EOCRA, AN OLD IACONIAN SUBURB. ACCORDING TO SEISOR, WE'D WITNESSED A TEMPORAL FLASH, WITH A FRAGMENT OF THE PAST BEING SUPERIMPOSED ON THE FUTURE. AT THIS POINT I INTERVIEWED."



"WHAT STRUCK ME MOST WAS THEIR ATTITUDE. EVEN AFTER THEIR COUNSELLING, THEY MAINTAINED THAT THEY WERE GLAD TO ESCAPE THE YEAR 2013. WHEN ASKED WHY, THEY SAID THAT THEY'D BEEN WITNESSING THE END OF THE WORLD."

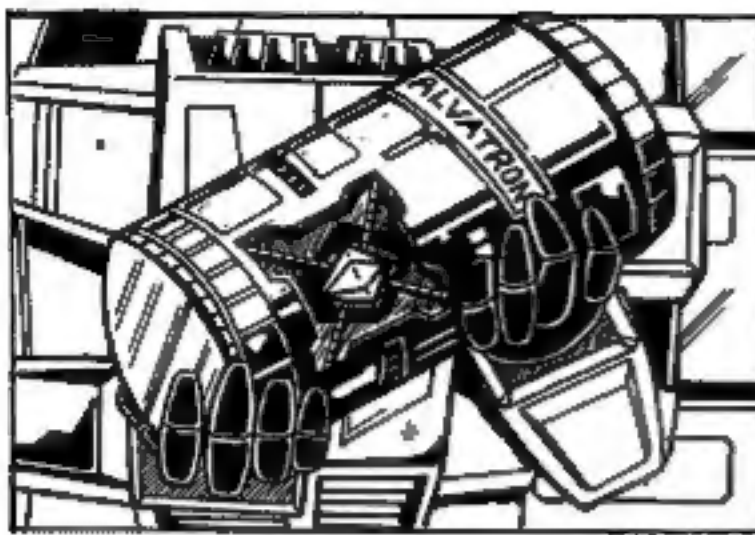
THE END OF
CIVILIZATION



"WHEN I POINTED OUT THAT THIS WAS PATENTLY UNTRUE, BECAUSE HE WE WERE, 300 YEARS ON, THEY LOOKED AT ME AS IF I WERE MAD. THEY ASKED HOW I COULD BE SO SURE THAT THIS UNIVERSE WAS THE SAME AS THEIRS."



"CLEARLY, WHATEVER HAPPENED IN 2013, IT WAS SOMETHING BIG. I'LL HAVE TO SEARCH THE MINISTRY'S MEMBANKS FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THAT PERIOD. I'D ASK A TROOPER FOR AN EYE-WITNESS ACCOUNT, BUT THERE SEEMS TO BE SO FEW SURVIVORS FROM THAT PERIOD."



"GENUINE SURVIVORS, ANYWAY."

ROBINUS

PERCEPTOR

SOUNDWAVE

"NO WONDER THE HISTORIANS CALL IT THE GREAT PURGE."

ULTRA MAGNUS

SLUDGE

WHEELIE

CAUTION!

POSTSCRIPT

"AND THERE IS THE ACCOUNT OF ALPHA POINT, AND MOUNT ST HILARY,
AND THE 13 NEUTRALISTS."

"THERE ARE STORIES OF COINCIDENCE, AND CHANCE, AND INTERSECTION AND STRANGE
THINGS TOLD, AND WHICH IS WHICH, AND WHO ONLY KNOWS..."

"AND IT IS THE HUMBLE OPINION OF THIS NARRATOR THAT
STRANGE THINGS HAPPEN ALL THE TIME, AND SO IT GOES,
AND SO IT GOES."

"AND AS THE OLD TEXTS SAY, WE MAY BE
THROUGH WITH THE PAST..."

"...BUT THE PAST ISN'T THROUGH WITH US."

TO BE CONTINUED IN
EUGENESIS: FIFTH EPOCH
A NOVEL FROM TRANSMASTERS UK